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Christine Z. Muller Scholarship Awarded

Summit Chorale has chosen Mia Pafumi, a Westfield High School senior, as the recipient of its 2008 Christine Z. Muller Scholarship. The scholarship was established in memory of long-term Summit Chorale member Christine Muller and has been awarded annually since 2002 to a New Jersey high school senior who will be studying music in college. Soprano Mia Pafumi is going this fall to Montclair State University's John J. Cali School of Music to major in Vocal Performance.

Ms. Pafumi has sung with the Westfield High School Concert Choir, Mixed Choir and Chorale/Choraleers, under music teacher Sharon Reynolds, and received honors in N.J. State Women's Regional Chorus and All-State Women's Chorus. Her achievements include appearing in *Die Zauberflöte* at the Rome Festival Opera in Italy, solos of "Ariel" and "I Need a Hero" from *Footloose* at Westminster Choir College Musical Theatre Camp, and nomination for Best Supporting Actress by the Papermill Playhouse Rising Star Awards for her Hedy LaRue role in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.

Her vocal teacher and accompanist, Jeanette Ferrell, has guided Ms. Pafumi's vocal development since the first grade and says that "her love of music, her determination and her talent prevail." Ms. Pafumi hopes to eventually perform solo recitals in Italy and Germany.

Summit Chorale's last concert of the 2007/08 season, *Spring Surprise!*, at 8 pm on Saturday, May 17, at Church of the Redeemer, 36 South St., Morristown, features an accompanied solo performance by Mia Pafumi who will also receive her Muller Scholarship award during the concert.

Tickets, at \$20 adult, \$18 senior and \$10 student, may be purchased at the concert or in advance by phone at 973-762-8486 or at www.summitchorale.org. There is a \$2 discount for advance purchase.

Summit Chorale is New Jersey's oldest continuously active choral organization, and will celebrate its 100th year during the 2008-09 Season. Currently led by Interim Artistic Director Darlene Southard Wyzga, it consists of experienced volunteer singers from central and northern New Jersey. The group performs choral masterworks as well as shorter works of varied and innovative styles.

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